

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

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ERIC POIRIER,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 07-C-67

PHIL KINGSTON, et al.,

Defendants.

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**ORDER**

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Plaintiff, an inmate in the custody of the Wisconsin Department of Corrections, has sued the warden and various prison officials for violations of his constitutional rights. The defendants have filed a motion for summary judgment seeking dismissal on the ground that the plaintiff has failed to exhaust his administrative remedies as required under the Prisoner Litigation Reform Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1997e(a). In addition, plaintiff has filed a motion for summary judgment and two sets of interrogatories directed to various defendants.

Because the issue raised in the defendants' motion for summary judgment is a threshold issue potentially dispositive of the entire case, all further proceedings in this matter will be stayed until the court decides that motion. It is now fully briefed and a decision will be forthcoming. Defendants need not respond to the outstanding interrogatories nor need defendants respond to plaintiff's motion for summary judgment until and unless their own motion is denied.

**SO ORDERED** this 26th day of April, 2007.

s/ William C. Griesbach  
William C. Griesbach  
United States District Judge